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First Named Inventor:	Arthur DOSKOW
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In re Patent Application of:
Arthur Doskow et al.

Application No.: 09/767,292

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For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR
AUTHENTICATING CONTROL MESSAGES
IN A SIGNALLING NETWORK**

AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

MS Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for \$55.00 \$110.00 to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the \$385.00 \$770.00 fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- Applicant(s) previously submitted ____, on ____, for which continued examination is requested.
- A request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) is also enclosed.

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- No additional claim fee is required.
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Ind. Claims				x \$ 86.00 =	
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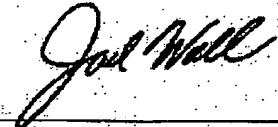
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004 (Paper No. 7), Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of all claims, the primary reference applied by the Examiner being unavailable as prior art pursuant to 35 USC §103(c).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.